



Crosswalk of Terminology for MCAS Tests Beginning in 2025

The information below is provided to assist schools and districts in preparing for new systems beginning in 2025 for MCAS testing. (As a reminder, the November 2024 MCAS retests will use PearsonAccess Next and TestNav.) Questions about logistics should be directed to the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 or mcas@cognia.org, and policy questions should be directed to DESE’s Office of Student Assessment Services at mcas@mass.gov or 781-338-3625.

Current Terminology	New Terminology	Description	Notes
PearsonAccess Next (PAN)	MCAS Portal	Test administration and management website for district test coordinators, technology coordinators, principals/school test coordinators, test administrators, and other staff as needed	The new site is expected to be live in October 2024. Further information on completing tasks in the MCAS Portal (e.g., managing users in the new system) will be provided in an upcoming Student Assessment Update.
TestNav	MCAS Student Kiosk/iTester (Apple app store only)	Student testing platform	The MCAS Student Kiosk is expected to be available in October 2024. Information on downloading the MCAS Student Kiosk for technology coordinators will be provided in an upcoming Student Assessment Update. Later this fall/early winter, a student tutorial will be provided that will walk through the functionality in the MCAS Student Kiosk.
MCAS Resource Center	Same term – MCAS Resource Center	Website with guides and other resources on administering MCAS computer-based tests	The new URL will be provided in an upcoming Student Assessment Update and is expected to be live in October 2024.

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MCAS Service Center	Same site – MCAS Service Center	Website that principals and test coordinators use to access tasks related to test administration and reporting (e.g., the Principal’s Certification of Proper Test Administration form [PCPA], order additional materials, schedule UPS pickup, report discrepancies in results).	New for 2025, the URL for the MCAS Service Center website will be embedded within the new MCAS Portal to link directly to the MCAS Service Center, and will provide new access to view test materials shipments.
Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP)	Student Registration	Student registration for tests, which assigns students to a school, and includes demographic information and assigned accessibility features and accommodations.	Timelines for completing Student Registration will be provided in upcoming Student Assessment Updates, and training sessions will be offered on completing the steps for registering students for testing.